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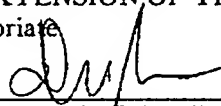
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Applicants elect Species A (Figs. 5-8) in response to the Election of Species Requirement of September 3, 2008. Claims 1-9, 24, and 25 read upon the elected species. Generic claims are present.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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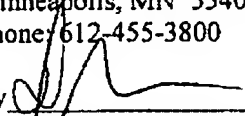
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